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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REQUEST FOR HELP IN SHIPMENT OF HEU

REF: (A) STATE 201731, (B) VIENNA 7066, (C) TOKYO
14497, (D) FRANKFURT 6294

1. MISSION APPRECIATES PROMPT REPLY (REF A) TO ITS CABLE
ON SUBJECT (REF B). MISOFFS HAD FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH
KURIHARA AND HIRATA ALONG LINES REF A PRIOR TO THEIR
DEPARTURE FROM VIENNA TO TOKYO.

2. KURIHARA RAISED ADDITIONAL QUESTION THAT, IF
COMMERCIAL SCHEDULED OR CHARTER FLIGHT WERE TO TAKE
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THE FULL SHIPMENT (THUS REQUIRING GUARDS), WHO SHOULD
EMPLOY THE GUARDS AND HOW SHOULD THEY BE SELECTED?

3. ALTHOUGH KURIHARA GAVE NO REASON TO EXPECT MINISTRY
OF TRANSPORTATION/NARITA TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THE MATTER
(PARA 7 REF B AND LAST SENTENCE REF C), MISSION SUGGESTS
BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO GET APPROVAL FOR TRANSPORTING

MATERIAL IN SEVERAL SMALL (LESS THAN 5 KG) SHIPMENTS VIA SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. SECOND BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR CHARTER FLIGHT TO LAND AT YOKOTA WITH ENTIRE SHIPMENT.

4. RE PARA 3 REF A, HIRATA SAID UK ASSISTANCE ON EARLIER SHIPMENT TOOK PLACE OVER TEN YEARS AGO AND HE COULD LOOK INTO DETAILS OF THAT TRANSFER ON HIS RETURN. THEY SAID THEY INTENDED TO PURSUE MATTER WITH SCICOUNS BLOOM FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN.

5. FYI. WE ALSO APPRECIATE VERY HELPFUL INFO CONTAINED REF D. SINCE WE BELIEVE IT IS PREFERABLE FOR JAPANESE FIRST TO EXHAUST NORMAL COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES, WE DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST NOT RPT NOT TO INFORM THEM AT THIS STAGE OF POSSIBLE USAF MILITARY AIRLIFT, AS SUGGESTED PARA 1 REF D. END FYI. LEAHY

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